

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION

ASD SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE, INC., d/b/a  
ONCOLOGY SUPPLY COMPANY  
2801 Horace Shepard Drive,  
Dothan, Alabama 36303,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT G. HICKES, M.D.,  
1301 Trumansburg Road, Suite Q  
Ithaca, NY 14850,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

1:05cv592-T

**COMPLAINT**

The plaintiff, ASD Specialty Healthcare, Inc., d/b/a Oncology Supply Company ("OSC"), by and through its counsel, hereby brings this complaint against the defendant, Robert G. Hickes, M.D. ("Hickes"), and in support hereof avers as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. ASD Specialty Healthcare, Inc., is a California corporation, with its principal business located in Dothan, Alabama. ASD does business as Oncology Supply Company, which maintains an office at 2801 Horace Shepard Drive, Dothan, Alabama 36303.

2. Upon information and belief, Hickes is an adult individual and citizen of the State of New York, with an address of 1301 Trumansburg Road, Suite Q, Ithaca, New York 14850.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a) because (a) the plaintiff is a citizen of the State of California and the State of



Alabama, (b) the defendant is a citizen of the State of New York, and (c) the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

4. The defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this judicial district because, inter alia, the defendant conducts business and/or resides in this judicial district.

5. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because, inter alia, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted in this action occurred in this judicial district.

### **BACKGROUND**

6. OSC is a supplier of medical and pharmaceutical products.

7. At all times relevant hereto, and as set forth more fully below, Hickes (a) solicited business with, (b) negotiated with, (c) had products shipped by, (d) communicated with, (e) submitted documents to, and (f) contracted with OSC in Dothan, Alabama.

8. At various times and at Hickes' request, OSC sold and delivered to Hickes pharmaceutical and other products (the "Goods") on open account.

9. Despite demand, Hickes failed to make payment for certain Goods that he purchased on credit.

10. As a result of Hickes' defaults, all sums owed by him to OSC are immediately due and payable in full.

11. As of March 31, 2005, the total principal balance due to OSC, from Hickes and Smith exceeded \$177,253.77.

**COUNT I**  
**BREACH OF CONTRACT**  
**OSC V. HICKES**

12. OSC incorporates herein by this reference the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs of this complaint, as though they were set forth fully and at length.

13. OSC has complied with its contractual obligations by supplying the Goods to Hickes, and invoicing Hickes for payment.

14. Hickes failed despite the fact that OSC sent invoices to Hickes and demanded payment for the Goods supplied, Hickes failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to make payment to OSC, in accordance with its obligations under the Agreement or otherwise.

15. Accordingly, Hickes has breached materially the terms of the contract between him and OSC.

16. As a result of this material breach of contract by Hickes, OSC has been damaged in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77.

WHEREFORE, ASD d/b/a OSC respectfully requests the entry of a judgment in its favor and against Robert G. Hickes, M.D., in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77, plus prejudgment and post judgment interest, or as provided for by law, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

**COUNT II**  
**BREACH OF ACCOUNT STATED**  
**OSC V. HICKES**

17. OSC incorporates herein by this reference the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs of this complaint, as though they were set forth fully and at length.

18. Beginning in 2004, OSC had an ongoing business relationship with Hickes pursuant to which OSC sold Goods to Hickes, and Hickes paid for such Goods in accordance with the terms of various statements of account sent from OSC to Hickes.

19. OSC invoiced Hickes in a timely fashion for the Goods detailed above, which Goods were shipped at Hickes' request.

20. Hickes had an opportunity to review the relevant invoices and raise any objections regarding the accuracy of the information contained therein including, among other things, the amount stated as due.

21. Hickes has never objected to the amounts set forth in OSC's invoices.

22. Despite repeated demand, Hickes has failed to pay OSC the total amounts due as invoiced. A balance remains due.

23. As a direct and proximate result of Hickes' failure to pay its accounts as stated, OSC has been damaged in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77.

WHEREFORE, ASD d/b/a OSC respectfully requests the entry of a judgment in its favor and against Robert G. Hickes, M.D., in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77, plus prejudgment and post judgment interest, or as provided for by law, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

**COUNT III**  
**CLAIM FOR OPEN BOOK ACCOUNT**  
**OSC V. HICKES**

24. OSC incorporates herein by this reference the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs of this complaint, as though they were set forth fully and at length.

25. OSC has been shipping the Goods to Hickes on an ongoing basis, and maintaining an open book account relating to those shipments.

26. OSC invoiced Hickes in a timely fashion for the Goods detailed above, which Goods were shipped at Hickes' request.

27. Said invoices contain a description of the Goods, as well as the date of their sale and the relevant price.

28. Hickes had an opportunity to review the relevant invoices and raise any objections regarding the accuracy of the information contained therein including, among other things, the amount stated as due.

29. Hickes has never objected to the amounts set forth in OSC's invoices.

30. Despite repeated demand, Hickes has failed to pay OSC the total amounts due as invoiced.

31. As a direct and proximate result of Hickes' failure to pay for goods sold to it on an open book account, OSC has been damaged in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77.

WHEREFORE, ASD d/b/a OSC respectfully requests the entry of a judgment in its favor and against Robert G. Hickes, M.D., in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77, plus prejudgment and post judgment interest, or as provided for by law, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

**COUNT IV**  
**UNJUST ENRICHMENT**  
**OSC V. HICKES**

32. OSC incorporates herein by this reference the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs of this complaint, as though they were set forth fully and at length.

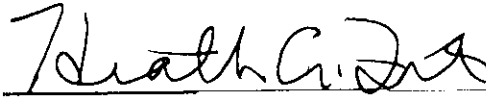
33. OSC conferred a benefit upon Hickes, to which Hickes was not entitled, by providing Hickes with the Goods.

34. Despite repeated demand, Hickes has refused to return the Goods and/or to pay for them.

35. By accepting delivery of the Goods supplied by OSC, retaining them, and not paying OSC for them, Hickes has been unjustly enriched at OSC's expense, in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77, thereby damaging OSC.

WHEREFORE, ASD d/b/a OSC respectfully requests the entry of a judgment in its favor and against Robert G. Hickes, M.D., in an amount in excess of \$177,253.77, plus prejudgment and post judgment interest, or as provided for by law, and such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,



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